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For: LARGE-CAPACITY VEHICLE FOR TRANSPORTING  
PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY A RAIL VEHICLE, COMPRISING  
CARRIAGES THAT ARE CONNECTED IN AN  
ARTICULATED MANNER

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